power to prohibit manufacture of a drug and cosmetic in public interest, whenever a drug is found to be harmful or irrational. State Govts, do not have the power to ban any drug or warn the people against the use of drug. However, when a drug is found to be substandard on test, action like withdrawal of drug from market, suspension/cancellation of licence or prosecution is taken by the Sate Drugs Controller under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

It is understood that some States are issuing press notes whenever action is taken on substandard reports and the substandard drugs are withdrawn from the market.

Re-Introduction of investment subsidy to Small Scale Sector

1283. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1234 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since announced re-introduction of Investment subsidy to small scale sector;

(b) if so, from which date the subsidy would be made available; and

(c) what are the details about the scheme and the talukas districts entitled to in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir. A new scheme of Central Investment Subsidy exclusively for the small scale sector in rural and backward areas has been announced by Government in May, 1990.

(b) and (c) Effective steps to work out the details of the scheme and identification of eligible backward areas have been initiated.

Demands of AIIMS Employees

1284. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 4000 employees of the AIIMS went on a three-day token strike from July 17 to July 19;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the striking employees;

(c) whether these demands have since been accepted by Government; and

(d) if not what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The Karamchari Union of the A.I.I.M.S. representing Group 'C and 'D' employees including technical staff went on token strike for 3 hours from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. on three days from 17th to 19th July, one day token strike on 24th July and an indefinite strike from 8th August, 1990 in support of their following demands:

(i) implementation of the recommendations of the Career Development Committee; and

(ii) giving benefit of one time cadre review granted in 1984 to those recruited between 1-4-76 to 1-4-84 on completion of eight years of service.

Both the above demands have been considered by the Government very carefully but has not been possible to accept the same because of wide repurcusslon it will have on similar categories of staff under the Government.